

Proclamation

Fire is a serious public safety concern, both locally and nationally. Residences present the greatest risk from fire. In 2004, there were approximately 395,500 reported home fires in the United States, resulting in 3,190 deaths, 13,700 injuries and \$5.8 billion in direct property damage.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has documented cooking to be the leading cause of home fires, with nearly one-third of home fires beginning in the kitchen – more than any other place in the house.

In an effort to reduce these alarming numbers, fire departments throughout the country are joining together to promote prevention and protection education for homeowners and renters.

Our Aloha State is ranked next to the lowest in the nation for fire death rates. Our dedicated first responders are committed to reducing the current number of home fires, thereby reducing the related injuries.

During the week of October 8 through October 14, Hawai'i joins communities across the nation in recognizing Fire Prevention Week with the theme *Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat*. Our local fire department reminds us that following several cooking rules will help to keep our families safer in their kitchens:

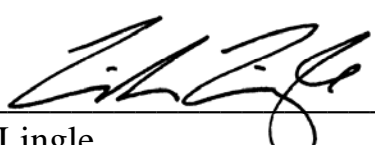
- Stand by your pan and never leave your kitchen's heating elements unattended;
- Enforce a kid-free zone of 3 feet around the stove and use only the back burners when children are in the house;
- Keep the stove top clear of all flammable objects including pot holders and oven mitts, and watch out for the chef's loosely hanging clothing;
- Microwave with care; and,
- Be aware of how best to extinguish a kitchen fire.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and **I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim **October 8 through 14, 2006**, as

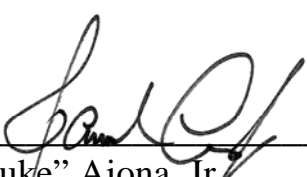
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in Hawai'i, and encourage all citizens to learn more about these important steps to fire-safe behavior.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-sixth day of September 2006.



Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i



James R. "Duke" Aiona, Jr.
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i